

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of Wayne A. Blakeney, who passed away on March 26, 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, Wayne Blakeney was born on September 22, 1916,
6 in Ridge Farm, Illinois to Fred and Bessie Blakeney; he
7 graduated from Ridge Farm High School in 1935, where he won a
8 State title in track; and he attended college in Monmouth;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Wayne Blakeney was a member of the 33rd Division
11 of the National Guard and was activated into the United
12 States Army, where he served as a mess sergeant in the 99th
13 Division; he was stationed in Europe during World War II and
14 fought in the Battle of the Bulge; and

15 WHEREAS, Wayne Blakeney was the past owner and operator
16 of the Shady Rest, the Hut, and the Ridge Farm Drug Store; in
17 1960 he built, owned, and operated Ridgeway Lanes in Ridge
18 Farm; and

19 WHEREAS, Wayne Blakeney was a member of Ridge Farm Church
20 of the Nazarene, Ridge Farm Lions Club, Illiana Antique Auto
21 Club, and the American Legion; and

22 WHEREAS, The passing of Wayne A. Blakeney will be deeply
23 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Ila;
24 his son, John William Blakeney; his daughters, Becky Klink
25 and Janette Brown; his sisters, Faustine Hawkins and Betty
26 Chandler; his seven grandchildren; and his four
27 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
30 all who knew him, the death of Wayne A. Blakeney of Ridge
31 Farm, Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Wayne Blakeney with our sincere
3 condolences.